

From the Dakotas southwestward to and including California the month was drier than usual, and similar conditions existed in the Florida peninsula. Monthly amounts in excess of 10 inches were reported from portions of all the Gulf and South Atlantic States and from Kansas and Oklahoma to the States of the Ohio Valley. Amounts from 10 to 15 inches were likewise reported from exposed points in the mountains of the Pacific Coast States.

The heaviest fall for the month, 17 inches, was reported from central Texas, while in the western part of that State there was little or no precipitation. Likewise in California no precipitation occurred over a considerable area in the southeastern part of the State, while in the northern mountain districts amounts in excess of 15 inches were recorded.

SNOWFALL.

The distribution of the monthly snowfall is shown on Chart VIII of this REVIEW. In general, snow was widely distributed, only the more southern districts having none, and at some southern stations it was observed the first time in March for many years.

Fairly heavy falls were received in the upper portions of the Ohio drainage area, and portions of New York and New England had totals for the month of 10 to 15 inches or more. Over most of the interior portions of the coun-

try, including the Great Lakes region, the snowfall was mainly less than normal, and that which fell soon melted.

In the western mountain districts the snowfall was mainly less than normal, that which fell soon melted. In the western mountain districts the snowfall was mainly near the normal amounts, and on account of continued cool weather there was less melting than usual. As a result the prospects continue good for a plentiful supply of water in most districts where the accumulated snow furnishes the major portion of water required for irrigation and other purposes.

At the end of the month little snow remained on the ground save in northern New York, portions of New England, the region of the Great Lakes, and in the mountain districts of the West.

RELATIVE HUMIDITY.

Like the precipitation, the average relative humidity was generally above normal over the districts from the Rocky Mountains eastward, although in the Appalachian Mountain region and portions of the North Atlantic Coast States there were local deficiencies of considerable degree, and there were also well-marked deficiencies in portions of Texas.

From the Rocky Mountains westward the relative humidity was mainly deficient, but here, too, there were localities having values decidedly in excess of the normal.

Severe local storms.

[The table herewith contains such data as have been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A more complete statement will appear in the Annual Report of the Chief of Bureau.]

Place.	Date.	Time.	Width of path. Yards.	Loss of life.	Value of property destroyed.	Character of storm.	Remarks.	Authority.
Augusta, Ga. (near).....	7	A. m.....		6		Wind and rain....	Severe general damage. Many persons injured..	The Piedmont (Greenville, S. C.).
Evansdale, N. C.....	7	A. m.....	{300 yards to one- half mile.	1	{ \$40,000- 50,000 }	Tornado.....	{ Houses, barns, and other buildings razed; 15 or more persons injured.	Raleigh Times (N. C.).
New York, N. Y.....	7	P. m.....				Gale.....	Minor accidents in harbor. Wind velocity, 70 miles.	New York Times. Official U. S. Weather Bureau.
Northern Louisiana.....	10	A. m.....				Wind and rain....	Damage confined largely to timber. Some prop- erty damage.	Shreveport Times (La.).
Louisiana, Arkansas, Missis- sippi, and Oklahoma.....	13-14			25		Tornadoes and cyclones.....	About 100 persons injured and a loss in property damage estimated at thousands of dollars.	New York Herald; Indian- apolis Star (Ind.); Com- mercial Appeal (Tenn.).
Mobile and Cullman Coun- ties, Ala.....	14					Tornado.....	Several injured and much property lost.....	Official U. S. Weather Bu- reau.
Giles County, Tenn.....	14	P. m.....			15,000	do.....	60 buildings damaged and some stock killed; 10 persons injured.	Do.
Petersburg, Tenn.....	14	P. m.....				Wind.....	School and small buildings damaged.....	Do.
Clarksville, Tenn.....	14					Hail.....	Greenhouses damaged.....	Do.
Santa Fe, N. Mex.....	17					Wind.....	Severe storm over much of Rio Grande Valley. Some damage to buildings.	Do.
Telluride, Colo.....	17-19					Snow.....	Wire communication crippled, railroad traffic delayed, roads blocked.	Daily Sentinel (Grand Junc- tion, Colo.).
Laurel and Brookhaven, Miss.....	20	A. m.....		1		Tornado.....	Considerable damage to property and some live stock killed. Several persons injured.	Pensacola Journal (Fla.).
Lee County, Ala.....	20			2		do.....	Heavy property losses.....	Do.
Bull Run, Oreg.....	21	A. m.....				Wind and rain....	Street-car service discontinued; power service handicapped.	Journal (Portland, Oreg.).
Beaumont, Tex., and vicinity	25	P. m.....		3	100,000	Tornado.....	Damage to property and scores injured.....	Dallas Morning News (Tex.).
Southern Indiana.....	29-30					Cyclone.....	Buildings unroofed and demolished. Telegraph and telephone lines damaged severely.	Evansville Courier (Ind.).
Shreveport, La. (40 miles south of).	30	P. m.....			100,000	Wind.....	140 derricks of the Red River Parish oil field and several buildings wrecked.	Chattanooga Times (Tenn.). Official U. S. Weather Bureau.
Savannah, Tenn.....	30					do.....	2 injured and a number of homes and cotton gin damaged.	Chattanooga Times (Tenn.).
Columbus, Ohio, and vicinity	30			1		do.....	Considerable property loss. Telephone and tele- graph poles blown down. Trees uprooted, etc.	Evansville Courier (Ind.). Official U. S. Weather Bureau.
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	30	P. m.....				do.....	General damage done.....	Do.
Southern Michigan.....	30-31					Ice.....	Heavy damage sustained by telegraph, tele- phone, and light companies. Car service in- terrupted; trees down. Damage estimated at several million dollars.	Official U. S. Weather Bu- reau (Detroit). Free Press (Detroit, Mich.).
Cullman and Lawrence Coun- ties, Ala.....	31		50-1,700			Tornado.....	Several persons injured; 15 residences and 2 busi- ness houses damaged. Wire communication interrupted.	Chattanooga Times (Tenn.). Official U. S. Weather Bureau.
Huntsville, Ala. (southwest of).	31	A. m.....				do.....	3 persons injured, 3 houses blown away, power lines down. Northern Alabama towns in darkness for 9 hours.	Chattanooga Times (Tenn.).
Bradley County, Tenn.....	31	A. m.....				do.....	General damage done.....	Do.